

(WASHINGTON, DC) - Congressman Chet Edwards announced funding he secured that will help Granbury police improve their criminal records system, continue work to clean up Lake Granbury, and improve traffic at De Cordova Bend Estates on Fall Creek Highway. The funding was included by Edwards in the final 2009 Appropriations bill, which passed the House Wednesday by a vote of 245 to 178.

The City of Granbury's efforts to improve and integrate their criminal records system with the county will be bolstered by \$250,000 included by Edwards in the bill.

"These funds will help local law enforcement access the information they need to do their job to protect local citizens," said Edwards, a senior member of the Appropriations Committee. "As the father of two young sons, I am deeply committed to doing everything possible to keep our communities safe." "In the case of potentially dangerous suspects, integrating these record systems to run background checks and access criminal records could mean the difference between life and death for officers and the law-abiding citizens they are protecting," said Edwards.

Granbury Police Chief Mitch Galvan added, "The new system is going to greatly improve not only how our department is able to enter information, but more importantly, how we are able to search, use, and share that information quickly during investigations and while officers are patrolling the streets."

Edwards secured \$67,000 to continue research efforts aimed at cleaning up Lake Granbury. The funding follows \$1.1 million secured by Edwards since 2005 to find solutions to golden algae blooms, which have been responsible for fish kills in the lake. The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) at Texas A&M University and Baylor University will work with the Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI), Texas Cooperative Extension, Brazos River Authority (BRA), and local Granbury officials to address the golden algae problem.

"Lake Granbury is a tremendous asset for the city of Granbury and for all of Hood County, and I believe protecting the water quality in the lake is important for quality of life, property values, and economic development in the greater Granbury area," said Edwards.

Edwards added \$380,000 to the bill to build a traffic light and turn lane being built at the entrance to the City of De Cordova Bend Estates on Fall Creek Highway (TX-167). Over the past several years, a number of residents have expressed to Edwards their support for a light at the intersection because of safety concerns.

"This intersection has very high commuter and truck traffic traveling north and south, endangering those entering and exiting DeCordova Bend Estates," said Edwards. "This funding will enable a traffic light and turn lane to be built to make this intersection safer for local residents."